# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF NFFWP
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has noticed any loopholes while implementing the National Food For Works Programme (NFFWP);

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding irregularities and delay in payments of wages in the form of food grains and cash given to the labourers working under NFFWP from various States during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such complaints under the said programme?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a)&(b): National Food for Work Programme(NFFWP) was launched in 150 districts in the country in November, 2004. The programme got subsumed in National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) with effect from 2.2.2006. The structural and systemic discrepancies of all the erstwhile wage employment programmes were taken care of while formulating the Act and the Operational Guidelines for its implementation.

(c) &(d): State-wise details of complaints under NFFWP received during 2006-07 and 2007-08, so far, are given in the Annexure.

(e): Does not arise in view of (a)&(b) above.

List of complaints received during 2006-07 and 2007-08 on irregularities in the implementation of NFFWP

| State | Name of the complainant | Allegations made | Action taken by the Ministry |
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| Bihar | Shri Tariq Anwar, MP (RS) | Misappropriation of funds and irregularities in Katihar under NFFWP | Forwarded to State Government for Examination, necessary action and report to the Ministry. |
| Bihar | Shri Suresh Rai, Coordinator, Meenapur, Muzzafarpur, Bihar | Irregularities and improper implementation of NFFWP in Muzzafarpur | Forwarded to State Government for Examination, necessary action and report to the Ministry. |
| Uttar Pradesh | Shri Ilyas Azmi, MP(LS) | Corruption in implementation of NFFWP in Lakhimpur Khiri | Forwarded to State Government for Examination, necessary action and report to the Ministry. |
| Uttar Pradesh | Shri Ashok Gehlot, General Secretary, AICC, | Corruption and irregularities in Government for NFFWP in Kushinagar district | Forwarded to State Government for Examination, necessary action and |

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| | of UP | report to the Ministry. | |
| Uttar Pradesh (Lok Sabha) | Shri Mahendra Prasad Nishad,MP, | Misuse of funds under NFFWP in Fatehpur district of UP | Forwarded to State Government for Examination, necessary action and report to the Ministry. |